

Senate Study Bill 1137 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON QUIRMBACH)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a fine arts standards task force and
2 including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. FINE ARTS STANDARDS TASK FORCE.

2 1. A fine arts standards task force is established to
3 review and make recommendations relating to the inclusion of
4 fine arts in the statewide academic standards for students in
5 kindergarten through grade twelve, including but not limited
6 to music, visual art, drama and theater, and other fine and
7 applied arts.

8 a. The task force shall consist of nine members who shall
9 be appointed by the director of the department of education as
10 follows:

11 (1) One member from nominees submitted by an organization
12 representing the boards of Iowa school districts.

13 (2) One member from nominees submitted by an organization
14 representing Iowa school administrators.

15 (3) One member from nominees submitted by the largest
16 statewide certified employee organization representing Iowa
17 teachers.

18 (4) One member representing the department of education.

19 (5) One member representing arts education organizations.

20 (6) One member representing approved practitioner
21 preparation programs.

22 (7) One member representing the team responsible for
23 writing the fine arts alignment with the Iowa core universal
24 constructs documents.

25 (8) One member of the business community.

26 (9) One member representing the general public.

27 b. The member representing the department of education
28 shall convene the initial meeting, at which the members shall
29 elect a chairperson. Administrative support and staffing
30 for the task force shall be provided by the department of
31 education.

32 2. The task force shall submit its findings and
33 recommendations in a report to the state board of education,
34 the governor, and the general assembly by January 15, 2016.

35 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of

1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2 EXPLANATION

3 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

5 This bill establishes a fine arts standards task force to
6 review and make recommendations relating to the inclusion of
7 fine arts in the statewide academic standards for students
8 in kindergarten through grade 12, including but not limited
9 to music, visual art, drama and theater, and other fine and
10 applied arts.

11 The task force shall consist of nine members who shall be
12 appointed by the director of the department of education to
13 represent the boards of Iowa school districts, an organization
14 representing Iowa school administrators, the largest statewide
15 certified employee organization representing Iowa teachers, the
16 department, arts education organizations, approved practitioner
17 preparation programs, the team responsible for writing the
18 fine arts alignment with the Iowa core universal constructs
19 documents, the business community, and the general public.

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21 be provided by the department.

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23 in a report to the state board of education, the governor, and
24 the general assembly by January 15, 2016.

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